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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001 in the above-identified application.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 42, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 4B depicts the effect of various concentrations of 21x on reporter expression in *E. coli* strains that carry *rrnB* P1 promoter constructs (the sequences for which are presented in Fig. 4A), fused to a *lacZ* reporter on the chromosome as a phage mono-lysogen, as indicated in the figure. Cells were incubated with or without 21x for 24 hrs and promoter activities assayed following treatment. Promoter activities are expressed as a percentage of basal promoter

